

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Summary of Amendments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 79, 119, 120, 123, 128 and 135 are amended, whereby claims 78-136 will continue to be pending, with claims 78, 79 and 120 being independent claims.

Summary of Final Office Action

Claims 78-136 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Riedel et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,558,680 (hereafter "RIEDEL") in view of Charlton et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,486,106 (hereafter "CHARLTON").

Response to Office Action

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action are again respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejections of previously submitted claims 78-136 the arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief filed October 16, 2008 and the Reply Brief filed March 9, 2009 are referred to. The corresponding remarks are expressly incorporated herein.

With respect to amended claims 119, 120, 123, 128 and 135 submitted herewith, Applicants are unable to see that any of the documents relied upon by the Examiner teaches or suggests the

(combination of) elements recited therein. These are additional reasons (i.e., in addition to the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief and the Reply Brief) why none of RIEDEL and CHARLTON is able to render obvious the subject matter of new claims 78-136.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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